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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of :
Vincenzo D'Acchioli et al. : Confirmation No. 8836
Serial No. 09/720,180 : Group Art Unit 3761
Filed December 20, 2000 : Examiner Catharine L. Anderson
For Adhesive Urine Collector

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the telephonic interview of Oct. 22, 2003 with Examiner Anderson. Upon the conclusion of this interview, there were no points of disagreement.

The following points were agreed to during the interview:

- The pending Office Action raises a new matter rejection under 35 USC §112, first paragraph. Specifically, the Office Action states that there is not written description supporting the claim limitation of securing an absorbent to the *inner surface* of the inner layer.
- Agreement was reached that page 10, paragraph 1 of the specification, read alone and taken in a vacuum does not support this claim amendment.
- Agreement was reached that the instant application, including the specification, is to be read as a whole.
- Agreement was reached that the application, including the specification, is directed to one of ordinary skill in the art.
- Agreement was reached that the instant specification, at page 10, first paragraph, does provide basis for securing the absorbent material to one side (inner surface) or the other side (outer surface) of the inner layer. Agreement was further reached that this paragraph, when read alone and in a vacuum, does not specifically call out which of the two surfaces the absorbent layer is secured to. Agreement was further reached this is not a matter of a genus/species relationship, but instead a choice between two alternatives (i.e., inner surface or outer surface) which alternatives are inherent in the structure of the inner layer.

- Agreement was reached that if the new matter rejection should stand, then only the limitation of securing the absorbent material to *either* side of the inner layer is recited and the instant claim would read on Schneider.

- Agreement was reached that if the new matter rejection does not stand, and the amendment reciting the absorbent is secured to the *inner surface* of the inner layer is maintained, the instant claims are structurally distinguishable over Schneider.

- Finally, Applicants agreed to submit arguments that the limitation alleged to be new matter is supported by the knowledge of ordinary skill in the art and/or also found in the instant specification, when pages 6 7, 8 and 9 are read in concert with page 10.

Respectfully submitted,



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